GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:524
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2008
PRODUCTION OF CNG
Dhanaraju Dr. K.;Jagannath Dr. M.;Rathod Shri Harisingh Nasaru;Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to expand CNG and PNG Network in the country, particularly in Delhi, Mumbai, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether CNG production is upto the requirement of the demand;

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand of the whole country;

(e) whether the Government is considering to make any rule to cancel LPG connection of the customers who obtain PNG connection; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The expansion of CNG infrastructure in different cities in the country is being taken up in a phased manner. In order to promote investment from public as well as private sector for laying trunk natural gas pipelines and city/local natural gas distribution networks throughout the country, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'. Providing of CNG facilities depends upon availability of gas, setting up of necessary infrastructure and economic viability. According to information available, Piped Natural Gas is being supplied to 775119 domestic, 1287 commercialand 64 industrial consumers all over the country. There are 398 CNG stations in the country. The details of Delhi, Mumbai and Andhra Pradesh, as reported on 1st January 2008, are as follows:

S.No.	States/Places	Company	PNG Cconsumers			CNG Station
			Domestic	Commercial	Industries	
1	Delhi (including Noida)	Indraprastha Gas Ltd.	89132	276	9	153
2	Mumbai (including suburbs)	Mahanagar Gas Ltd.	331417	905	36	127
3	Andhra Pradesh	Bhagyanagar Gas Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	9

Implementation of City Gas Distribution Projects in the State of Tamil Nadu has not been taken up, as of now.

(c) & (d): The demand for natural gas in the country is higher than its production. The Government of India has initiated various steps to augment gas supplies for the domestic market. These cover:-

(1) Intensification in domestic E&P activities;
(2) Exploitation of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) gas;
(3) Implementation of Natural Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP) for evaluation of hydrate resources and their possible commercial exploitation;
(4) LNG Import; and
(5) Gas sourcing through transnational gas pipelines.

(e) & (f): Amendments to the Control Order relating to customers of PNG are under consideration of the Government.